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It is not your posterity, but your actions, that will perpetuate your memory .-Bonaparte.

### THE COUNTRY ROAD

T IS impossible to build roads without money. Somebody has to supply the money. If not the roads cannot be improved. On this point there can be no difference of opinion.

At Salem there is a plan to have the state bear three eighths of the cost of road construction. The state's intervention is contingent on the county providing three eighths and the taxpayers of the district the remaining two seighths. The plan, in the requirement for the taxpayers first to assess themselves, is based on the theory of self-help. The taxpayer must take the initiative and invest his own money or he can have no roads. 'Incentive is held out to him in the offer of aid by the state and county. It is a plan that has the indorsement of those who have sue in Oregon and have been the most zealous pioneers in working for a system of best highways. It is also the plan in vogue in many of the states. The vital point in the whole question is the very important one of whether or not we want good roads. We know that all plans of the past have failed. Systems have changed and methods drifted. One experiment after another has been tried and practically all have ended in failure. The one in vogue yesterday has been put aside for another today. In all, the rules of scientific road construction have usually been ignored or violated. In short we have for more than 50 years pursued a haphazard, hit-andmiss policy and the result is that our roads are but little better than in the beginning. We know that unless we make a change of policy there will be no change for the better and that we shall go on through a indefinite period dragging weary

loads over costly roads. It is estimated that Oregon loses \$1,000,000 a year on account of inadequate roads. Some authorities place the figures much higher. The products over the country highways s 25 to 40 cents per ton. An adequate road system would reduce it to less than half those figures. The waste of effort, waste of substance, waste of time and waste to life is an enormous toll. It costs in dollars lost infinitely more than it would cost to build good roads. It interferes with the happiness and and living more difficult. If betterment is sought, there must be a change of policy. If better roads are to be provided they must be paid for, and with money. There is no other way. The question is with the legislature for settlement. Is there one man in Oregon that prefers bad roads to good ones?

## IS IT ARMED FRENZY?

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Since 1896 he has been blabtop of the Marquette diocese. In addition to his institution has been brought in comthe Panama canal committee, opmade a wide reputation as an able

lions until 1889. Thereafter it rose economic uplift. gradually to 31 millions in 1894, and dropped to 27 millions in 1896. armed frenzy?

Ledger says: doubtful if it will pay in the long do less, annoyance if not some extra expense to a great many people. Eastern visitors to the Pacific northwest. route different, at least in part, from that by which they came, and it will be to the ultimate interest of the are the selfish interests. They seek railroads to accommodate them as to aggrandize themselves by seizing devoted great study to the road is- fully and please them as well as pos-

regulation than appears on the surface, they would do a popular and of the many. It is a process concommendable act by abrogating this demned by a bitter experience with annoving rule before that time. The freest possible movement of travel throughout the Pacific northwest. with no discrimination against any portion of it, is the people's desire and due, and will eventually be beneficial to the railroads.

### CALIFORNIA'S WILLAMETTE PROJECT.

ALIFORNIA has a plan for federal aid for her rivers that is almost identical with that for an open Willamette in Oregon. The legislature at Sacramento wants tribute from state funds \$400,000 for the purpose if the federal government can be induced to appropriate average cost per mile for hauling a similar amount and take control of the improvements. The fact is decidedly propitious for the plan in Oregon. Mutual interest will bring the aid of the California congressional delegation to the Oregon project, and vice versa. The joined stronger. The precedent for one will be the precedent for the other, and the trend will be in the direction of gress cannot, as the number of such projects increase, very well resist the demand for federal aid for them. It is of the utmost consequence for the Oregon senate to meet the broad up to congress as decisive and unsenate will do, whereat the It will soon pass that figure, old and as over-high as they are man.

Oregon owes support to its ag-

ricultural college. The state ac- and other mortals, they disagree. With the Spanish war it jumped to cepted the land grant from the fed-58 millions in 1898, was 63 millions eral government and agreed to furin 1899, 55 in 1900, 60 in 1901, 67 nish buildings and equipment and in 1902, 82 in 1903, 102 in 1904, keep them in repair. It had to 117 in 1905, 110 in 1906, 97 in 1907 make that promise or the lands close up his business affairs there so and 118 in 1908. All in all, is the would not have been given. The as to return to Washington on March new naval career upon which we state is in duty bound to keep the have entered national sanity or faith. Not one dollar of the federal no official notification of his apendowment can be spent for buildings, equipment or repairs. There THE RECHECKING REGULATION is not enough room at the college for the students seeking education OT ONLY Portland but Puget there. Every building and every sound cities as well object to class room is congested and overthe requirement of the Hill flowing. The growth has been marroads for the rechecking of velous. The like has not been seen baggage at Portland. The Tacoma in any state in the union. The "Convenience of growth is itself the proof of the extravel in the northwest next sum- cellence and desirability of the work mer will be immensely increased if Students go where they get what the railroads do away with this reg- they want and need. A further ulation." It is supposed that the growth is certain, and full provision object is to induce travelers to should be made in equipment and choose a route by which the rail- buildings to meet it. The state roads can make a little more money must keep faith with the federal and at the same time avoid recheck- government and make good its coning a great deal of baggage. This tract to supply adequate equipment is perhaps legitimate, but it is and buildings. It cannot in honor inet member from the Pacific coast

### THE WATER CODE

T WILL be amazing if the state senate prevents passage of the water code. The house passed it by an almost unanimous vote. water powers and water rights withour lands, our forests, our coal, our sources, which by inalienable right belong to the whole people.

The contest in the state senate is the old one of the people versus cor-The lines of demarcation are firmly and distinctly drawn. There is no possibility of misunderstanding. The whole matter has been thrashed out until the issues are definitely fixed. The final vote will determine to a certainty what senators are for the corporations and what others are for preserving to the people those in- and closing the saloons, the people alienable rights that are theirs by should be left to use the weekly the San Joaquin, Feather and Sacra- destiny and the laws of natural

Collier's Weekly remarks: "Party much; the direct primary, when it people become more intelligent and observant, they gradually, if reluctissues will make the case of both antly, conclude that except on the occasion of some great crisis or overtowering issue, like disunion, party is used principally as a means of decomfort of men, makes life harder is so just in its conception that conor another swindling the people.

When a candidate for the Illinois assembly. Lincoln published an announcement in the Illinois (Springfield) Journal, in which, referring policy of the Oregon house, and give to his constituents, he said: "While the state a measure that can be held acting as their representative I shall be governed by their will on all subquestioned. This it is believed the jects upon which I have the means of knowing what their will is." One foundation will be laid for deliver- may infer from this that if Lincoln ance of a large section of the state had lived in Oregon in these days he mounting toward \$100,000.000. from freight rates that are 30 years would have been a Statement No. 1

At Chicago the same day Admiral
Evans referred to the Delaware and
declared that we must have a whole
squadron like her, and that we are
going to have a navy so powerful
that all the nations of the earth will
fear us. In England the same day
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navy yards because of the allegation plete harmony with the federal gov- poses the proposed canal bond issue writer. that 40 per cent of the \$127,000,000 ernment's plan. It is in intimate and wants to change the project, spent on them since 1898 has been touch with country life. It instructs even at this late date, to a sea-level young women in the science and fessed fact, that in ten years or less, after it is built, a battleship is obsolete, awakens wonder of why we go on arming at so furious a rate. We are at prace with the world. Since the government was organized, more than 10 years ago, we have had but the government was organized, more than 10 years ago, we have had but the government was organized. The constitution of being a "railinstead of a lock canal. Kittridge instead of a lock canal. Kitridge instead of a lock young women in the science and arts instead of a lock canal. Kittridge

year, in spite of deficits, we are tains and develop the mines, and to the cost of the canal and the real spending \$135,000,000 on the navy. go to the water powers and harness cost. The former was \$139,000,000, It is more than 10 times as much as them by electrical appliance for Ore- while Kittridge now says that the was spent in 1886, when the expen- gon industries. It is feeding the canal will finally cost not less than diture was 13 millions. By con- state with militant young men taken \$400,000,000. As he is a "knocker," trast, it is the remarkable in na- raw and sent out skilled to set in this may be an exaggeration, but it tional naval outlay. So extraordi- motion exactly the forces needed to is certain that the cost will be nearnary a reversal of policy was never make Oregon grow in wealth and ly if not more than double the es made by a nation before, and prob- greatness. It is one of those col- timates. As to the proposed change, ably never will be again. Begin- leges that in his special message on it will not now be made, if, as rening in 1878, our expenditure of country life, President Roosevelt perted, Mr. Taft and the engineers 17 millions, ran as low as 13 mil- says are working enormous influ- who accompanied him have decided lions in 1886 and not above 16 mil- ence for the country's social and to carry on the present project. It is a matter for engineers to decide, and like doctors, preachers, editors

> Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle has returned to that city from the east, and says he has come back to 1. While he says he has received pointment to a cabinet position, it may be considered settled from the has a dam. fact stated that he will be a member of the new cabinet, and it is supposed he will be appointed secretary of the interior. Mr. Ballinger is no

doubt excellently qualified for this position, or for any one of several others in the cabinet. He is an able lawyer and a first class business man, and in a short time as commissioner of the general land office he made a phenomenally good record. Seattle, and the state of Washington, and the Pacific northwest, and the and in turn congratulate Mr. Ballinger. He will be the fourth cab the others being George H. Williams of Oregon, attorney general under Grant, Joseph McKenna of California, who held the same office under McKinley, and Victor H. Metcalf, also of California, secretary of commerce and labor and later secretary

of the navy under Roosevelt. The state senate did well to give Senator Abraham's Puritan Sunday their religious ideas, beliefs or practices upon the whole people. Ours a statesman. ligious government, so founded in order to escape great evils that had afflicted and decimated European countries for centuries. A weekly rest and recreation day is well, but laws concerning it should be liberal and such as most people will approve. The aim of a Sunday law should be to benefit the people generally, not to enact religious belief. There must be broad tolerance and need recreation, amusement, weekly break in the monotony of the workaday week, but beyond prohibexcept what is practically necessary, holiday as they see fit.

\_\_\_ Taft was elected president yesterday; at least the votes that elected him were not counted and announced till then. But all this electoral part of the affair is merely a
formality, really the people elected
Taft last November, just as the people should elect their senators, the
logical sturgs merely counting the relogical sturgs merely counting the relogical sturgs merely counting the recollars sit looser today than at any him were not counted and antime since Madison. The passing of nounced till then. But all this electhe generation which remembers the toral part of the affair is merely a civil war as a living fact has done Taft last November, just as the peois universal, may do more." As ple should elect their senators, the legislatures merely counting the returns and casting their votes accordingly.

railroad in Oregon this year also, what are the people going to do about it? Nothing? Nor be prepared to do anything? Are we to wait another period of 10 or 20 old more striking and impressive than years for urgently needed railroads if Mr. Harriman decides to wait so building any in the more brilliant action. Such a time, such an occasion, was that of the declaration. While the same prophetic words:

There is nothing in the prophecies of true is it that their extraordinary fame to the crisis at which they were at into a more abundant life, a fuller hapiting and why do we commemorate with the prophecies of true is it that their extraordinary fame to the crisis at which they were at stinct which they obeyed and expressed.

And why do we commemorate with our faith?

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Wat the wrong the gentle spirit of the declaration. While the same signers were picked men, none the less true is it that their extraordinary fame to the crisis at which they were at stinct which they were at stinct which they obeyed and expressed.

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down with the almost unbearable burden at her navy, shall continue or abandon her policy of naval expansion. Almost simultaneously there parables. It is founded on the late the laws.

The institution is in a field of its easiest and most effectual way to stop illegal practices in saloons is to revoke the licenses of those who vioregulations. It is founded on the late the laws.

The law allows; no more. And the damnited to the Michigan bar. The easiest and most effectual way to stop illegal practices in saloons is to revoke the licenses of those who vioregulations. It is founded on the late the laws.

### "Law! Law!! Law!!!" From the Astorian.

## COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

## SMALL CHANGE

Only a week more, besides holidays. "The Sabbath was made for man, not

Instead of vested rights, they are

The Abraham Puritan Sunday bill was another good one—to kill. Nobody can deny that Bill Sunday has a gift of voluble verbiage.

When monarchs meet, they kiss, and no bystander says "Judas" out loud. We are not to have voting machines and machine voters are becoming scarce

Surely the hatpin bill, if passed, would have been government without represen-It is a wonder some reformers don't

Oregon was born as a state just "befo e wah." It has lived through wonderful changes.

After all, the legislature has already done much good work in killing fool bills—but not enough.

Very likely a lot of Japs will protest against repainting our battleships gray. Isn't this an insult to brown men? The price of the New Orleans Taft dinner will be \$25 per. And alligators are said to be plentiful down there, too.

By the way the platform pledged statehood to Arizona and New Mexico. But what's a pledge to some politicians?

Still, if Sunday induces or impels an considerable number of men to quit drinking booze, the rest can be forgiven.

Root thinks he is all right, of course, but what does he think of Platt and Depew, and of legislatures that elected Every legislature makes Chamberlain more popular. If he were to run again this spring he would have about 25,000

Colonel Hofer says there should be 10 valley in the past two months.

new counties in Oregon. If he will mer tion the new county seats, he will ru A proper observance of Lincoln's one nundredth birthday, one with thought

ipon his character and work, ought to Detroit News: Abraham Lincoln be-lieved that the plain people could be trusted, but then Abraham Lincoln was

A panic trust, organized by the industrial trusts, could probably get anything it wants at Washington, remarks the Brooklyn Eagle.

A New York man started a voting contest for the meanest man in that town, and the list of entries is so long that no newspaper could publish it.

A Detroit minister says that "no may A Detroit minister says that no man should kiss a woman on the lips, nor should any woman kiss a man on the lips." Very likely, but a great many people won't do or not do just as they ought, spite of all advice and warning.

The president of Panama has prothe president of ranama has pro-tested against the language of Repre-sentative Rainey and thus has got into print. Otherwise nobody but a few government officials would have ever heard of him or known who he was. Roosevelt is the real president of Pan-

OREGON SIDELIGHTS Two monster bald eagles were seen ast week at Coon Hollow in Marion

The dally output of doors at the Sea-side sash and door factory during the last week averaged close to 4000.

It does seem as if there is, or might be, a strong probability that an elec-tric railroad would be built between Astoria and Seaside, says the Signal.

Tillamook Herald: A sweet bunch of drunks came in from the Fairview dance, but they put the brakes on as soon as they struck the city limits.

The Myrtle Creek Mail says that the groundhog "was probably drowned any way, so even if the sun should have shined there was no hog to make a shadow."

With wool prices soaring upward and every indication of a bountiful wheat crop, eastern Oregon people may well prepare to smile. But they will smile, anyway, says the East Ore-

If timber lands had been assessed at their true valuation in this county, and every individual had given to the assessor all his property, the tax levy would have been about 2.5 mills less, says the Enterprise News-Record.

A Wasco county man who owns a 1600 acre tract of land east of La Grande will put 1000 acres of it into the irrigation project. This is not the only 1000 acre man on the list and there are several 500 acre subscriptions and most land owners of the district are doing their where land owners of the district are doing their share.

With letters of inquiry pouring into the commercial club promotion depart-ment at the average rate of 100 per day, we have every assurance that Lane county is the objective point sought by thousands of homeseekers who are coming west in droves this year, says the Register.

Portland parties bought 18 head of heavy draft horses while on their recent trip to this locality, says the Lag Grande Star. The horses avereged over 1400 pounds and one, a coming 3-year-old, weighed 1500. The average price paid was \$200 per head. This firm has paid out about \$6000 for horses in this veiller in the start of the same paid out about \$6000 for horses in this veiller.

Jacksonville has a charter but there is no part of it in Jacksonville, says the Post, It has been repeatedly ameni-ed but we have not been able to see the public document. There has not the public document. There has not been an ordinance passed by the city board since 1900 that is legal. That is the reason we could not find the char-

William MacKenzie is preparing to build the largest barn in the county on his valuable farm near Weston, says the Lender. It will have a concrete basement 40x80 feet in size, constructed driveway. The barn will be 48 rest high and will accommodate about 25 head of stock. Its cost is estimated in the neighborhood of \$3500. with a concrete floor and a convenient driveway. The barn will be 48 feet

Grants Pass Record: In Oregon, and, in fact, in many parts of the northwest, a transition from a graingrowing and stockraising country to one of small farms devoted to intensive agriculture is rapidly taking place. Where how exist vast sage-covered plains, valleys and hill slopes, extensive ranges devoted to the raising of cattle, horses and sheep, and grain ranches covering hundreds of acres, there will, within the next few years, be established a multitude of small forms devoted to intensive agrismall farms devoted to intensive agri-culture. Where now exists here and there an unpretentious and cheerless ranch house there will in a few years be scores of prosperous, happy homes.

## FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE

city council and citizens of Boston, most imperial power of the world.

The committee appointson, youngest and tallest; John Adams; Sherman, shoemaker; Franklin, printer, and Robert R. Livingston. If the If Harriman neglects to build any railroad in Oregon this year also, what are the people going to do what are the people going

of humanity. I read the declaration level?
of independence with no feeling of It

gon, and in nearly every state in the union, the law is one vast juggle; is fast losing caste with the people, who are laughing at it and its makers and expounders, as the monster farce of the century. Most men want to respect and observe the law (and do, for the matter of that), but if this deluge of inconsequential stuff is to be kept going through the years, and no attempt is gon, and in nearly every state in the then forget it, but the people are beof that), but if this deluge of inconse-quential stuff is to be kept going through the years, and no attempt is made to minify, qualify, or clarify the ode, it will become the bane of human existence and the dignity of it will have vanished.

The Protesting Members. From the Harney Valley News. What a pitiful spectacle those legislators made of themselves who whin ingly preclaimed while they were retates of their own conscience in voting

tions, flying from the ills they had, haps laying the way for a miserable and bloody catastrophe in anarchy and ed to draft the declaration are: Jeffer- to those they knew not of, and perand bloody catastrophe in anarchy and

ated as a day of deliverance from one such-veneration and display this spend of the continent to the other; that cial spech and event in our history? Why not let our simple services which

Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, it is announced, will soon become president of the consolidated gas company in New York. This is a natural proper move for a second At Newport News Saturday we launched a great warship. It is described as the most powerful fight farmed people and destroy more people and destroy more property. than any battleship ever broperty, than any battleship ever broperty, than any battleship ever broperty. than any battleship ever broperty than any battleship ever broperty. They have four eships building like her and have authorized two more.

At Chicago the same day Admiral Evans referred to the Delaware and leaders and the brown and the lowly and the many and the more people and deveraged and the property of the comboulidated gas company in New York. This is a school where the consolidated gas company in New York. This is a natural, proper move for a secretary of the consolidated gas company in New York. This is a natural, proper move for a secretary of the treasury. They nearly late of the supreme court of the United States, born in Augusta, Me. States.

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The usual crowd of maudlin, mawkish women and girls are thronging to the county jail and striving for the society and companionship of the two bank robbers. How any woman with bank robbers, How any woman with deficate nerves and refined sensibilities can find pleasure in visiting jails two berries on top of each. and associating with degenerates passes the ability of mere man to comprehend, if one of these men had been little nervous on the trigger, or if Mr. Martin or either of the others who were in the bank had offered any resistance and been shot-for the rob-bers were prepared to do murder-the same crowd of misguided females would be doubly eager to sit in their cells and sympathine with them

Telephones in divers' helmets have ob-moisture from the wearers' breathing and soon short circuits them.

## The REALM FEMININE

Blessed Are They Who Die. RE we not in sore need of regeneration in the matter of our treatment of our beloved dead? Are we not almost ready in these twentleth century days, to come out from outgrown superstitions and to act with a Christian conscience

in this circumstance? Let us merely consider a true incident which touches this matter very closely.

Recently the dear little grandmother in a tender and affectionate family finished her earthly work and folding her ished her earthly work and folding her white hands went peacefully to sleed as softly as a little child's slumber came to her the deeper sleep which knows no earthly waking. And when the members of the family came to call her and stood beside her they found that the gentle spirit had fled.

We all know what usually happens in a family when this great change comes to any member of it. There is the hurried removal of all that has been associated with the dear one, lest some one's sensibilities be shocked.

been associated with the dear one, lest some one's sensibilities be shocked. There is the giving away to the deepest of woe; there is the hanging of crepe upon door front and the sunmons to sewing women to come and profane the newly hushed household with the whirr of sewing machines making ready mourning garments; there are the undertaker's assistants placing the dear form in stiff funeral postura and surrounding it with black casket and draperies; there is the shut door, the awed tone, the unnatural tension upon heart strings that are almost the awed tone, the unnatural tension upon heart strings that are almost breaking with sorrow. There is, in short, a sort of solemn mummery that treats, the earthly form of the dear one as an object of fear, of dread, of unnatural, even

one as an object of fear, of dread, of un-natural awe.

All the close, tender associations that held that life while the spirit was with-in it in the closest touch with every little hope and trouble of the other members of the family are at once cut off and the one who dwelt among us so familiarly is treated as a something awful and fearful.

Look now at this better, more sincere, more beautiful way of acting toward one who has merely passed from one home to another; who has gone upon the same journey that we must all take, and who, while yet loving, hoping and caring, has entered the better mansion, prepared from the beginning of, the world.

In this home of which we are talking the little, quiet form of the dear

ing, the little, quiet form of the dear one was placed upon a couch in the same pleasant sunny room where she spent many years. Those who dher placed flowers about her, and dher placed flowers about her, and

loved her placed flowers about her, and the little children came and sat beside her, or stroked her soft hands and talked lovingly to her of the journey upon which she had gone.

There had never been any secrets of their hearts that she had not known—why should they shut her out? There had been nothing bright and beautiful and sweet that she had not loved—why should they surround her with upwhy should they surround her with unnatural trappings and shrink from her as from something they feared? As long as the little quiet form was with them it was treated with the same loving care that had been shown while life

ing care that had been shown while life remained and when it went from them it was in the simplest dignity but without show or estentation or habiliments of wee.

As a result the little children instead of being frightened into hysterical grief or made to think that death is a terrible thing to be feared, believereally believe (as most of us who profess do not)—that death is as natural as life; that it is indeed merely a passing to another happy home, not a casting into outer darkness. As a result they are still able to trust their parents and have confidence in their teachings and they talk affectionately eachings and they talk affectionately happiness that came to the

Consider what we teach our children the while our actions "The Declaration of Independence"—By John D. Long words. We tell them that One who loves us has prepared another home for us when we have finished with this one. We say that it is a more tender love a more abundant wisdom, which takes evitable

is life. Death means separation, but we profess and tell our children that the separation is only for a time. There

This Date in History.

The John Light: that the end was worth all the light: that the end was worth all the light: that the end was worth all the means, and that posterity would triumph in the transaction. I am not of those who overrate the past. I know that the men of 1776 had the common weaknesses and shortcomings of human decommon weakness

spread these with a bread stuffing sea-

### M M M Irish Stew.

W iPE and cut into one inch cubes three pounds beef from flank, chuck or rump. Cover with chuck or rump. Cover with boiling salted water and simmer for two or three hours. One hour before it is done add one half cup each of carrots, turnips and onlons cut into small cubes. In one half hour add three potatoes cut in cubes and parboiled five minutes. Season well with pepper and salt; thicken with one half cup flour wet with cold water. Do not cut the vegetables too fine or have the stew too thin.